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1. The Volkspolizei unit at Rothemühl was formerly stationed at Meiningen, Thuringia. In August and September 1953 it was stationed at Goleniew in Poland and took part in the maneuvers in the Oder Haff area. The unit has been in existence since 1949, when it was a Vopo alert unit in Meiningen.
2. The regiment is now located in tents in the forest at Rothemühl. The training grounds extend as far as the Galenbeck lake (Galenbeckersee). The regiment does not have its arms with it in the tent camp, where it is staying only until the winter quarters at Eggesin are ready.
3. In the maneuvers the regiment had 12 Soviet-Type T-34 tanks and numerous armored reconnaissance cars. The Poles were far superior in equipment; a regiment disposed of 26 modern medium heavy tanks, very maneuverable, almost oval-shaped, and having heavy armor.
4. The tents in which the regiment is now quartered belong to the Red Army. They have a light metal pole which makes for quick erection and taking down.

Available on loan from the CIA Library is a map showing the location of the camp at Rothemühl.

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